# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:781
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GAUGE CONVERSION FOR SHIMOGA TALAGUPPA RAILWAY LINE
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the State Government of Kamataka had submitted a proposal for Shimoga-Talaguppa broad gauge conversion;

(b) if so, whether this project requires about Rs. 140 crore for completion and the State Government has agreed to provide 50% of the cost required for completion of gauge conversion between Shimoga and Talaguppa;

(c) whether the Railways has made a provision of Rs. 70 crore for this project in 2007-08; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be started/completed?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the revised estimate prepared by the Railways, the cost of gauge conversion of Shimoga-Talguppa has been assessed as Rs. 165 crore. State Government of Kamataka has agreed to share 50% of the cost of the project.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The work has already been taken up. Gauge conversion of Shimoga-Anandapuram section (56 Kms) is targeted for completion during 2007-08 and the balance portion i.e Anandapuram-Talguppa (41 Kms.), gauge conversion is planned for completion during 2008-09.